

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Presently Amended) The device according to ~~claim 1~~claim 7, wherein the maneuvering organ is arranged in such a way that it is within the reach of the driver while the driver simultaneously is maneuvering a steering wheel and a dumping lever of the vehicle.
3. (Presently Amended) The device according to ~~claim 1~~claim 7, wherein the maneuvering organ is arranged on a panel in the cabin, in the immediate vicinity of a dumping lever of the vehicle, in such a way that the maneuvering organ is within reach of the driver while simultaneously maneuvering the dumping lever with the same hand.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Presently Amended) The device according to ~~claim 1~~claim 7, further comprising a sensor connected to the control unit for sensing a manual movement of a gear shift lever connected to the gearbox.

6. (Presently Amended) ~~The device according to claim 4, further comprising~~

A device for controlling a load-carrying vehicle when dumping or loading a load-carrying platform of the vehicle, the device installed in a load-carrying vehicle having a dumping load-carrying platform, said device comprising a maneuvering organ configured to be arranged in a cabin of the load-carrying vehicle for hand maneuvering by a driver, and a control unit operatively coupled to the maneuvering organ, to a brake of the load-carrying vehicle and to a gearbox of the load-carrying vehicle, so that the device, when the maneuvering organ is activated, activates the brake and institutes a neutral position in the gearbox and a sensor connected to the control unit for sensing the speed of the vehicle with the purpose of maintaining the brake in a non-active position and a present gear in the gearbox, despite an activation of the maneuvering organ when a speed of the vehicle exceeds a predetermined speed.

7. (Presently Amended) ~~The device according to claim 1, further comprising~~

A device for controlling a load-carrying vehicle when dumping or loading a load-carrying platform of the vehicle, the device installed in a load-carrying vehicle having a dumping load-carrying platform, said device comprising a maneuvering organ configured to be arranged in a cabin of the load-carrying vehicle for hand maneuvering by a driver, a control unit operatively coupled to the maneuvering organ, to a brake of the load-carrying vehicle and to a gearbox of the load-carrying vehicle, so that the device, when the maneuvering organ is activated, activates the brake and institutes a neutral position in the gearbox and a sensor coupled to the control unit for sensing brake pressure, and wherein the control unit is coupled to a parking brake of the vehicle for its activation when brake pressure falls below a predetermined value.

8. (Original) The device according to ~~claim 4~~claim 7, wherein the device is adapted for use in an articulated dumper.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Presently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 10, further comprising~~

A method for controlling a load-carrying vehicle when dumping or loading a load-carrying platform of the vehicle, the method comprising:

detecting maneuvering of a hand maneuvering organ arranged in a cabin of a load-carrying vehicle having a dumping load-carrying platform utilizing a control unit operatively coupled between the maneuvering organ, a brake of the vehicle and a gearbox of the vehicle, and activating, via the control unit, a brake of the vehicle and causing a gearbox of the load-carrying vehicle to assume a neutral position when maneuvering of the hand maneuvering organ is detected; and

detecting manual movement of a gear selection lever connected to the gearbox from the neutral position to a gear position when the maneuvering organ is activated, and releasing the brake when the movement is detected.

12. (Presently Amended) The method according to ~~claim 10~~claim 11, further comprising detecting pressure in the brake and activating a parking brake of the vehicle when brake pressure falls below a predetermined value.

13. (Presently Amended) The method according to ~~claim 10~~claim 11, further comprising activating a parking brake of the vehicle when an engine of the vehicle is turned off or when the engine stalls if the brake has previously been activated and the gearbox has been brought to the neutral position via activation of the maneuvering organ.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Presently Amended) The device according to ~~claim 14~~claim 17, wherein the maneuvering control is arranged adjacent to a dumping lever of the vehicle.

16. (Presently Amended) The device according to ~~claim 14~~ claim 17, further comprising a sensor in signal communication with the control unit for sensing movement of the gearbox from the neutral position.

17. (Presently Amended) ~~The device according to claim 14,~~

A control device for a load-carrying vehicle with a plurality of brakes and a gearbox having a neutral position, the device comprising:

a control unit, installed in a load-carrying vehicle having a dumping load-carrying platform, coupled to a brake and a gearbox of the vehicle;

a maneuvering control for operation by a driver, the maneuvering control in signal communication with the control unit, the maneuvering control generating a signal for activating the brake and for selecting the neutral position of the gearbox when the maneuvering control is activated and wherein the control unit receives a signal indicative of speed of the vehicle and wherein the control unit does not activate the brake if the indicated vehicle speed exceeds a predetermined level.

18. (Presently Amended) The device according to ~~claim 14~~ claim 17, wherein the control unit receives a signal indicative of pressure in the brake, and wherein the control unit is coupled to a parking brake of the vehicle for activation when the brake pressure falls below a predetermined value.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Original) The method according to claim 10, further comprising

A control device for a load-carrying vehicle with a plurality of brakes and a gearbox having a neutral position, the device comprising:

a control unit, installed in a load-carrying vehicle having a dumping load-carrying platform, coupled to a brake and a gearbox of the vehicle; and

a maneuvering control for operation by a driver, the maneuvering control in signal communication with the control unit, the maneuvering control generating a signal for activating the brake and for selecting the neutral position of the gearbox when the maneuvering control is activated terminating the first signal for activating the brake if the gearbox is moved from the neutral position while the maneuvering control is activated.

21. (New) A method for controlling a load-carrying vehicle when dumping or loading a load carrying platform of the vehicle, said method comprising:

detecting maneuvering of a control input arranged in a cabin of a load-carrying vehicle having a load-carrying platform using a computer control unit operatively coupled between the control input, a parking brake of the vehicle and a gearbox of the vehicle;

activating a parking brake of the vehicle using the computer control unit; and

causing a gearbox of the load-carrying vehicle to assume a neutral position using the computer control unit.

22. (New) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the control input is arranged in such a way that it is within the reach of a driver of the vehicle when the driver is maneuvering a steering wheel and a dumping lever of the vehicle.

23. (New) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the control input is arranged in such a way that it is within the reach of a driver of the vehicle when the driver is maneuvering a dumping lever with the same hand.

24. (New) The method as recited in claim 21, further comprising utilizing a sensor connected to the computer control unit for sensing manual maneuvering of a gear shift lever connected to the gearbox of the vehicle.

25. (New) The method as recited in claim 21, further comprising utilizing a sensor connected to the computer control unit for sensing a speed of the vehicle and maintaining the parking brake in a non-active position and a present gear in the gearbox when the speed of the vehicle exceeds a predetermined speed.

26. (New) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the vehicle is an articulated dumper.

27. (New) The method as recited in claim 21, further comprising detecting manual movement of a gear selection lever using the computer control unit and releasing the parking brake in response thereto using the computer control unit.